

STANDARDS AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Standards and Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 25 January 2006 at 3.30pm.

Present: Councillors Coburn, Ellis, Mair, Jack, Lennie and Lloyd, Mr C Mackie and Mr F Shewan.

In Attendance: Councillor Hayton, A Nairn, M Kay, M McLeish and A Taylor (all Corporate Services); B Renton, W McCulloch and L Mason (until Art. 79) (all Education & Children's Services); G Taylor (Property Development).

Apologies: Councillor Barrett and Mr I Jackson

Councillor Lloyd, Presiding.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

76. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Special Meeting of Standards and Scrutiny Committee – 30 November 2005

The Minute of the Special Meeting of the Standards and Scrutiny Committee of 30 November 2005 (Arts. 904-907/05) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Standards and Scrutiny Committee – 7 December 2005

The Minute of Meeting of the Standards and Scrutiny Committee of 7 December 2005 (Arts. 922-931/05) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

77. HMle, CARE COMMISSION AND EDUCATION AUTHORITY REPORTS ON STANDARDS AND QUALITY IN SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/64) advising the Committee of the key findings and progress made with the main points for action as set out in the three summary reports (Appendices 1-3 to Report 06/64) from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle), the Care Commission and the Education Authority, relating to Errol Primary School Nursery Class; Honeypot Children's Nursery, Perth; and The Community School of Auchterarder (Primary) Nursery Class.

Resolved:

(1) (a) Errol Primary School Nursery Class

The findings of the Care Commission/HMle Integrated Inspection Report on the standards and quality in Errol Primary School Nursery Class be noted.

(b) The Honeypot Children's Nursery

The findings of the Care Commission/HMle Integrated Inspection Report on the standards and quality in The Honeypot Children's Nursery, Perth be noted.

(c) The Community School of Auchterarder

The findings of the Care Commission/HMle Integrated Inspection Report on the standards and quality in The Community School of Auchterarder Primary/Nursery Class be noted.

78. HMle INSPECTION OF COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH PERTH AREA (Art. 338/05)

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/65) updating the Committee on progress made between April and October 2005 on the five main points for action identified by HMle for Community Learning and Development in North

Perth. Wilma McCulloch, Service Manager, Community Partnerships, Education and Children's Services gave a short presentation to the Committee on the key priorities being addressed and provided further detail on the action being taken.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made on the five main points for action between April and October 2005 be noted.
- (ii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring forward a further update on progress to the Committee after the follow up visit from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIe) to the North Perth areas.

79. AUCHTERARDER COMMUNITY SCHOOL – ACTION PLAN PROGRESS (Art. 945/05)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/66) outlining progress made on the actions agreed by this Committee on 9 March 2005 (Art. 200/05 refers) following a report from the Chief Executive on the Community School of Auchterarder.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 14 December 2005, (Art. 945/05 refers), had approved the recommendation not to pursue the recovery of the cost of possible inadequacies of the design team and contractor through litigation and agreed no further action should be taken.
- (ii) The terms of Report 06/66 be noted and approved, in particular that the estimated final costs contained in Report 06/66 were as at October 2005 and that at that time all works were not complete and accordingly the cost elements not finalised.